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SUBJ: SHORT NOTICE DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE REQUESTS

REF: (A) ANKARA 4339, (B) USDAO ANKARA 665 (DTG 151010Z JUN 78)
(NOTAL)

1. REF A EXPLAINED THE DIFFICULTIES THE EMBASSY EXPERIENCED INITIALLY IN GAINING GOT APPROVAL OF USAF AIRLIFT SUPPORT FOR THE IRANIAN UNIFIL CONTINGENT. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED THIS FLIGHT CLEARANCE REQUEST IN A MESSAGE DIRECTLY FROM MCGUIRE AFB (INFO SECSTATE) AND INCLUDED THE CAPTION THAT BOTH USAF/XOXXI, DOD/ISA AND THE DEPARTMENT CONCURRED IN THE MESSAGE.

2. THIS IS THE SECOND FLIGHT CLEARANCE REQUEST THAT THE EMBASSY HAS PROCESSED FOR USAF SUPPORT OF UNIFIL. THE FIRST WAS THE US AIRLIFT OF THE NEPALESE CONTINGENT (TWO DAYS NOTICE, STATE 89219) AND THE SECOND, THE IRANIAN SUPPORT FLIGHTS (ZERO DAYS NOTICE).

3. REF B REPORTS THE ATTITUDE OF THE TURKISH AIR FORCE TO ANY FUTURE SHORT NOTICE FLIGHTS. THEY WILL REJECT
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SHORT NOTICE REQUESTS UNLESS THEY ARE OF AN EMERGENCY NATURE AND THEN ONLY IF THE FLIGHT CLEARANCE REQUES IS MADE FORTY-EIGHT HOURS IN ADVANCE. ALL ROUTINE FLIGHTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TURKISH AIR FORCE FIVE WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE. UNTIL THE UN SUPPORT FLIGHTS, THE DAO WAS ABLE TO GET SHORT NOTICE OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES BUT WE HAVE NOW BEEN TOLD THAT THIS WILL NO LONGER BE POSSIBLE.

4. THIS MISSION IS READY TO FULLY SUPPORT ANY FURTHER REQUESTS FOR USAF SUPPORT OF UNIFIL OR, FOR THAT MATTER, ANY OVERFLIGHT REQUESTS. HOWEVER, THE NEW POSITION OF THE TURKISH AIR FORCE, SUPPORTED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IS CLEAR. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT UNUSUAL CONTINGENCIES MAY REQUIRE OTHER SHORT NOTICE OVERFLIGHT REQUESTS.

5. IN GRANTING CONCURRENCE FOR OUTGOING MESSAGES REQUESTING SUCH SHORT NOTICE OVERFLIGHT REQUESTS IN THE FUTURE WE HOPE THE DEPARTMENT WILL KEEP IN MIND:

A. THE PROBABILITY THAT ANY SHORT NOTICE FLIGHT REQUEST WILL BE REJECTED UNLESS THERE ARE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

B. THE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF ANY OVERFLIGHT REQUESTS SHOULD BE FULLY EXPLAINED AND, IN THE CASE OF UNIFIL FLIGHTS, THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO ENGAGE THE ASSISTANCE OF THE TURKISH MISSION TO THE UN.

C. REQUESTS WHICH INCLUDE "WAIVER OF SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT, AIRCRAFT COMMANDERS, SPECIFIC LOAD DATA" AND OTHER BLANKET AUTHORIZATIONS SHOULD ALSO BE FULLY EXPLAINED SO THAT THE EMBASSY HAS THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO FULLY EXPLAIN THE IMPORTANCE AND UNUSUAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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